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1. East Germany is divided into three zones for combatting the colorado beetle:

Zone I : a strip 50 kms wide, immediately west of East Germany's Oder-Neisse, frontier.

Zone II : all land between Zones I and III.

Zone III : a narrow strip along East Germany's western interzonal, frontier.

2. Different degrees of thoroughness in the combatting of the beetle are applied in each Zone: Zone I is worked with particular thoroughness, both as to examination and chemical treatment.

3. The following media are used against the colorado beetle:

- a. calcium and arsenic dusts (1%).
These have not been found very satisfactory.
- b. DDT sprays which are produced by Schering and by Sapotex. Trade names are Gearrol, Getalit, Duolit and Ektolit.
- c. Hexa-compounds (Hexachlorocyclohexanes).
These have in some cases been found better than DDT.
- d. Combinations of DDT and hexa-compounds.

Russian Institute

4. The Russians are very interested in the matter of colorado beetles in East Germany.

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They maintain a colorado beetle combatting institute in Berlin-Friedrichsfelde.

5. This institute is understood by Germans engaged in plant protection to be headed by a Russian Major, who has 4 or 5 female Russian laboratory assistants. The assignments of this institute are not known to the majority of Germans engaged in plant protection work, who can only infer them from the orders given by the Russians to the Germans. These have recently included an order to supply the institute with colorado beetles from each of the three zones (see paragraph 1) further classified according to time of collection, developmental stage and degree of infestation.
6. Dr. Klemm (fnu) of the Biologische Zentralanstalt, Kleinmachnow,, is the German liaison officer to this institute. He speaks fluent Russian.

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